<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in

view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks

To place the application in better form, the specification has been amended to note its

continuing status and to correct minor informalities. Also, a new abstract is presented in

accordance with preferred practice. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Claims 41-52 are presented for consideration in lieu of claims 1-40, which have been

canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 41 and 47 are independent. Support for these

claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been

added.

Applicant submits that claims 41-52 patentably define features of the scanning exposure

apparatus and the device manufacturing method of the present invention. Applicant submits,

therefore, that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration

and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Sir:

Applicant requests that the Examiner approve the change to Figure 4, as shown in red on the attached sketch, enclosed in duplicate.

In Figure 4, in step 401, "SHOT" should read -- EXECUTE --, as shown.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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